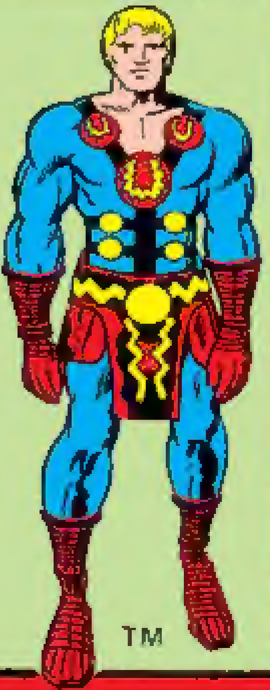
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WHEN GODS WALK THE EARTH!

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"NIGHT OF THE DEMONS!"

CAN EVEN THE COMBINED MIGHT OF *IKARUS* AND *SERSI* SAVE NEW YORK FROM THE MOST INCREDIBLE *INVASION* OF ALL?!

Stan Lee PRESENTS: THE ETERNALS!™

A LONE FIGURE TAKES FLIGHT ACROSS THE CONCRETE CANYONS OF NEW YORK CITY... IT IS NIGHT, AND THE WATERFRONT STREETS ARE INFERNOS OF LEAPING FLAME. CRIES OF "DEVILS" AND "DEMONS" ECHO WITH FRIGHTENING EFFECT AND SCATTER THE FAINT-HEARTED WITNESSES FROM THE SCENE. BUT THE MAN WHO LEVITATES WITH BLINDING SPEED, KNOWS THAT THE TRUTH IS FAR MORE TERRIFYING! HE IS IKARIS OF THE ETERNALS-- AND TONIGHT IS--

THE NIGHT OF THE DEMONS!

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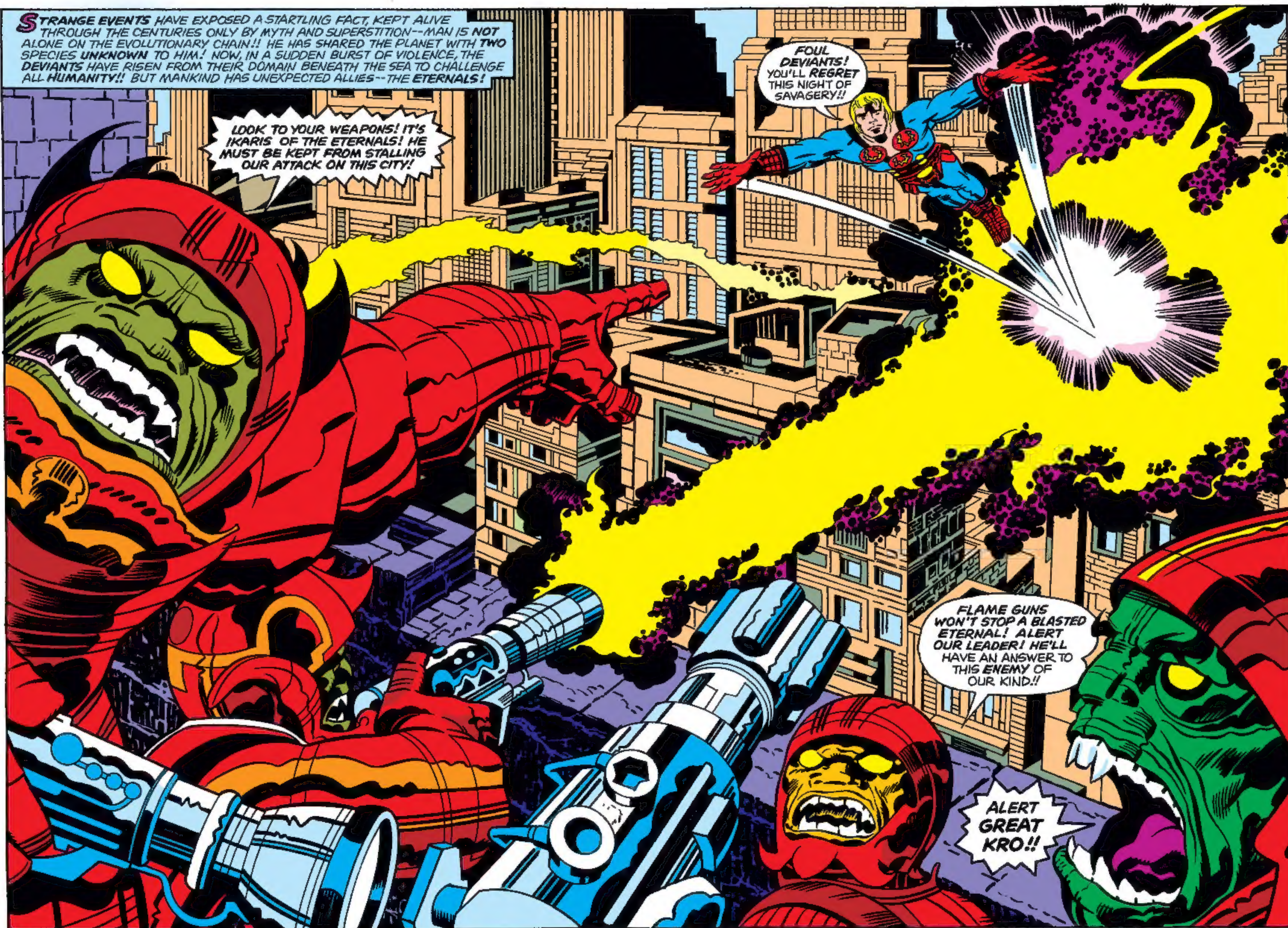
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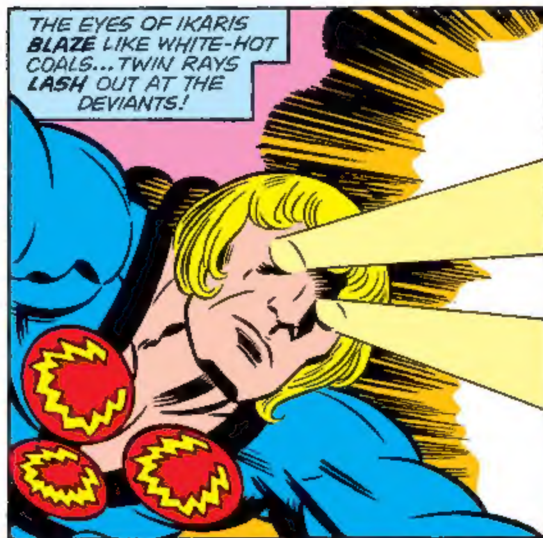
THOSE POOR HUMANS BELOW-- THEY SHOUT IN SUPERSTITIOUS FEAR!!

BUT THEY ARE UNAWARE THAT THEIR CITY IS UNDER ATTACK BY DEVIANTS, THE VERY SPECIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEVIL-MYTHS!

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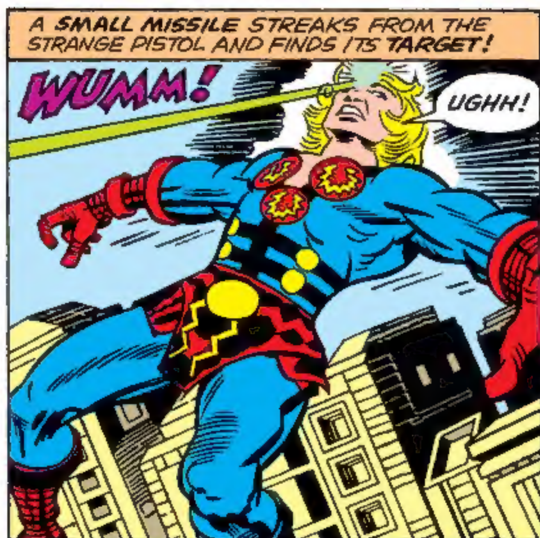

STRANGE EVENTS HAVE EXPOSED A STARTLING FACT, KEPT ALIVE THROUGH THE CENTURIES ONLY BY MYTH AND SUPERSTITION--MAN IS NOT ALONE ON THE EVOLUTIONARY CHAIN!! HE HAS SHARED THE PLANET WITH TWO SPECIES UNKNOWN TO HIM! NOW, IN A SUDDEN BURST OF VIOLENCE, THE DEVIANTS HAVE RISEN FROM THEIR DOMAIN BENEATH THE SEA TO CHALLENGE ALL HUMANITY!! BUT MANKIND HAS UNEXPECTED ALLIES--THE ETERNALS!
LOOK TO YOUR WEAPONS! IT'S IKARIS OF THE ETERNALS! HE MUST BE KEPT FROM STALLING OUR ATTACK ON THIS CITY!
FOUL DEVIANTS! YOU'LL REGRET THIS NIGHT OF SAVAGERY!!
FLAME GUNS WON'T STOP A BLASTED ETERNAL! ALERT OUR LEADER! HE'LL HAVE AN ANSWER TO THIS ENEMY OF OUR KIND!!
ALERT GREAT KRO!!


THE EYES OF IKARIS BLAZE LIKE WHITE-HOT COALS...TWIN RAYS LASH OUT AT THE DEVIANTS!

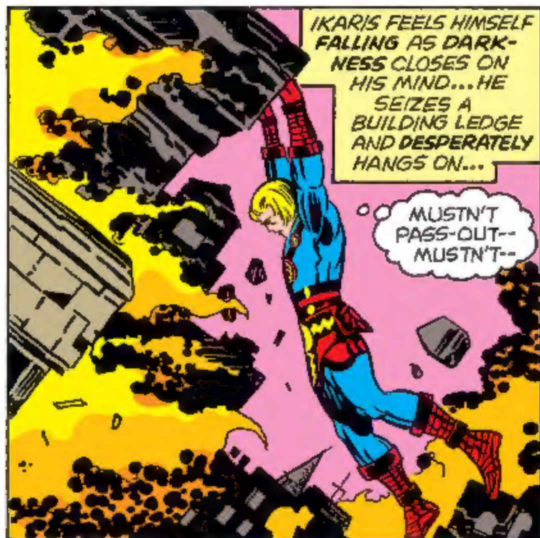

SSKKSHHHHH!


BLAAAAMM!
AAAA!!


STOP HIM! STOP HIM BEFORE HE DESTROYS US!
THIS WEAPON CAN'T KILL AN ETERNAL-- BUT IT CAN BLANK HIM OUT!


A SMALL MISSILE STREAKS FROM THE STRANGE PISTOL AND FINDS ITS TARGET!
WUMM!
UGHH!


SOMETHING FIXES ITSELF TO THE FOREHEAD OF IKARIS AND FLARES UP WITH EXPLOSIVE ENERGY. IKARIS IS STAGGERED IN MID-FLIGHT...
ROOMMP!!
I-I'VE BEEN HIT BY A "BRAIN MINE!"


IKARIS FEELS HIMSELF FALLING AS DARKNESS CLOSES ON HIS MIND... HE SEIZES A BUILDING LEDGE AND DESPERATELY HANGS ON...
MUSTN'T PASS-OUT-- MUSTN'T--


EVEN AS OBLIVION CLAIMS HIM, IKARIS IS PREVENTED FROM FALLING BY THE SUDDEN SWOOP OF STRONG, DEMONIC HANDS...
DON'T LET HIM SLIP!
DON'T WORRY! THE FALL WOULDN'T HAVE KILLED HIM! HE'S AN ETERNAL, REMEMBER? HE CAN'T DIE!


HE'LL SOON WISH HE COULD!
HA HA HA! OUR LEADER, KRO, WILL SEE TO THAT!


SUDDENLY--!
TO YOUR TASKS! SUMMON A MUTATE! I WANT IKARIS REMOVED!!
Y-YES, GREAT KRO!!


HE SHALL NOT SPOIL THIS NIGHT FOR US... WE MUST SCOURGE THIS CITY OF THE HUMANS! WE MUST ROUSE THEIR FEARS AND WHIP THEM INTO FURY!

AT THAT MOMENT, A **WINGED**, MUTATED DEVIANT APPEARS, AND **SEIZES** THE LIMP BODY OF IKARIS!!

WHERE SHALL I TAKE HIM, GREAT KRO?

OUR **RAIDING VESSEL** WAITS OFF SHORE... THE OFFICER IN CHARGE WILL **KNOW** HOW TO **DISPOSE** OF HIM!

MEANWHILE, WE SHALL GIVE THESE HUMANS A GIFT OF THE **SAME** TERROR WHICH THEIR **ANCESTORS** RECEIVED FROM OUR KIND!

BECAUSE OF THE **ANCIENT** WARS, THE **"DEVIL-MYTHS"** ARE AMONG THE HUMANS -- TO BECOME THE **FEARSOME** SUPERSTITIONS WHICH PLAGUE THEM TO THIS DAY!

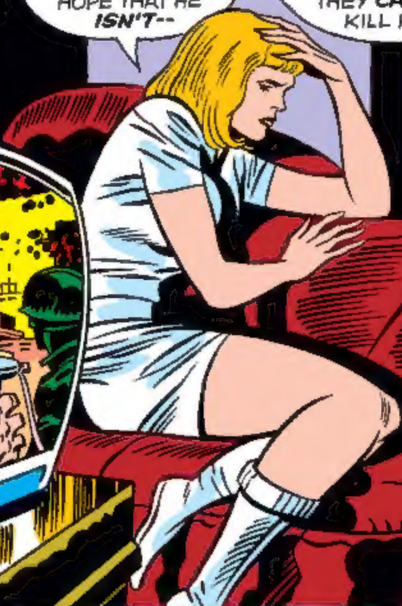
NOW, WE SHALL **JUSTIFY** THOSE LEGENDS AND GIVE THESE HUMANS A TASTE OF THEIR **REALITY!**


AT KRO'S COMMAND, THE DEVIANTS SPREAD THEIR ATTACK TO THE REST OF THE CITY...
LOOK! THOSE GIANT FIREBALLS IN THE SKY--! THEY'RE GOING TO HIT IN THE CENTER OF MANHATTAN!
JUMPING JUPITER!

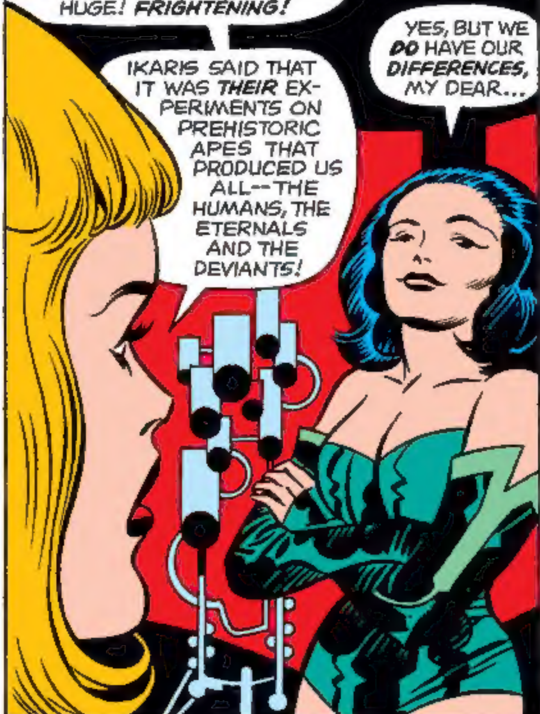

THE FIREBALLS STRIKE! PEOPLE FLEE! THEY STUMBLE! THEY FALL! CRIES OF TERROR FILL THE NIGHT AIR, AND SIGNAL THE BEGINNING OF AN ORDEAL THAT WILL SHAKE THE MODERN MIND...
RUN! RUN! THE DEVILS ARE EVERYWHERE!
HELP! HELP!


KRO'S NEXT MOVE IS TO ADD VIOLENCE TO PANIC! HE SENDS FORTH HIS MUTATES IN A WIDE-SPREAD ATTACK AGAINST ALL RESISTANCE!
THE HUMANS ARE RALLYING THEIR POLICE FORCE! HIT THEM HARD!
SOMEONE, GET TO THE RADIO! I NEED MORE MEN!

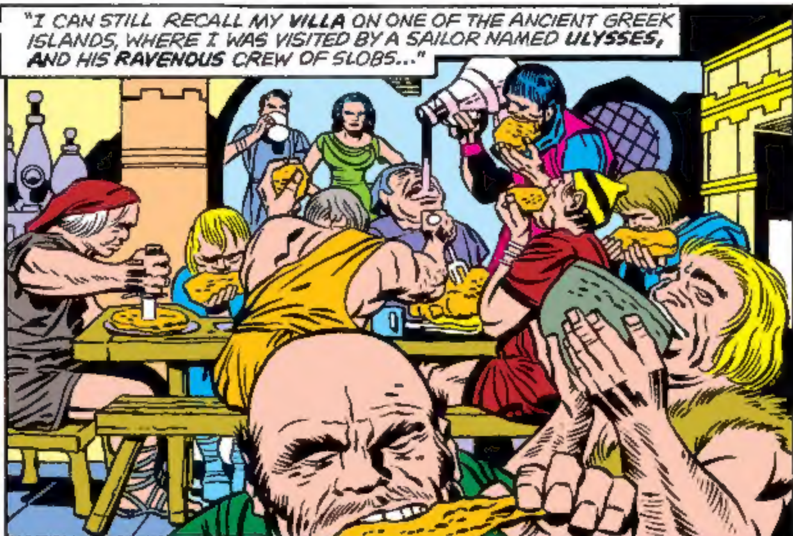

EVERY STREET SEEMS TO SWARM WITH EVIL RAVAGERS! THEY SMASH STORE WINDOWS AND STREW DEBRIS!!
HAHAHAHA!! FLEE, HUMANS!! YOUR DOWNFALL IS NEAR!!


MEANWHILE, IN A MANHATTAN APARTMENT, TWO WOMEN WATCH THE PROGRESS OF THE BIZARRE EVENTS WHICH ARE OVERTAKING THE ENTIRE CITY...
THERE'S NO CAUSE FOR ALARM, FOLKS! BUT, ALL CITIZENS ARE ADVISED TO STAY IN THEIR HOMES! ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ARE ON THE JOB!!

THINGS SEEM TO BE WORSENING! AND IKARIS IS SOMEWHERE OUT IN THAT MESS! I HOPE THAT HE ISN'T--

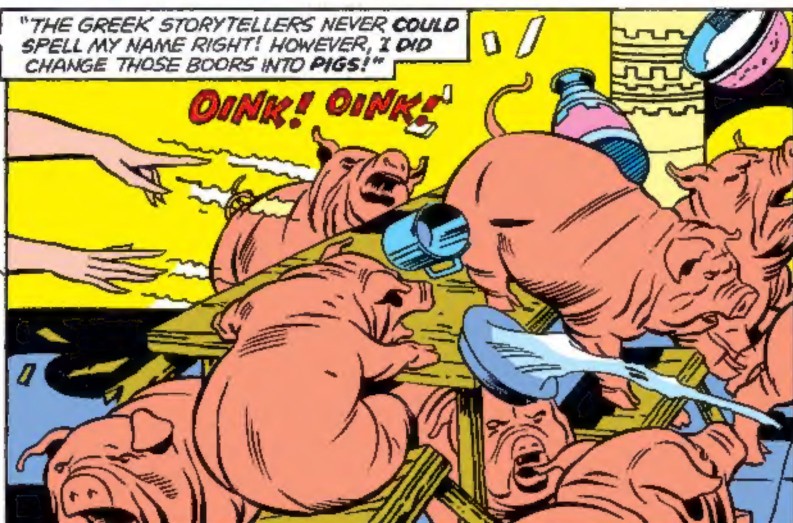
I SENSE THAT IKARIS HAS BEEN TAKEN, MARGO... BUT NEVER FEAR. HE IS AN ETERNAL! THEY CAN'T KILL HIM!

ETERNALS! DEVIANTS! WHO'D HAVE DREAMED THAT YOUR RACES EXISTED! FOR CENTURIES YOUR TWO SPECIES HAVE KEPT TO THEIR OWN DOMAINS... AND NOW THAT YOU'VE REVEALED YOURSELVES, THE WORLD SEEMS TO HAVE GONE MAD!
IT WAS BOUND TO HAPPEN... THE SPACE GODS HAVE COME BACK!--AND A NEW CHAPTER SHALL BE WRITTEN IN EARTH'S HISTORY!

I SAW THE GODS LAND, SERSI! I WAS THERE, WITH MY FATHER AND IKARIS, WHEN THEIR SHIP TOUCHED DOWN... I-IT WAS HUGE! FRIGHTENING!
IKARIS SAID THAT IT WAS THEIR EXPERIMENTS ON PREHISTORIC APES THAT PRODUCED US ALL--THE HUMANS, THE ETERNALS AND THE DEVIANTS!
YES, BUT WE DO HAVE OUR DIFFERENCES, MY DEAR...


I KNOW, SERSI...YOU ETERNALS ARE IMMORTAL!
LIVING FOR CENTURIES CAN STORE A VERITABLE MAZE OF HAPPENINGS IN ONE'S MEMORY...

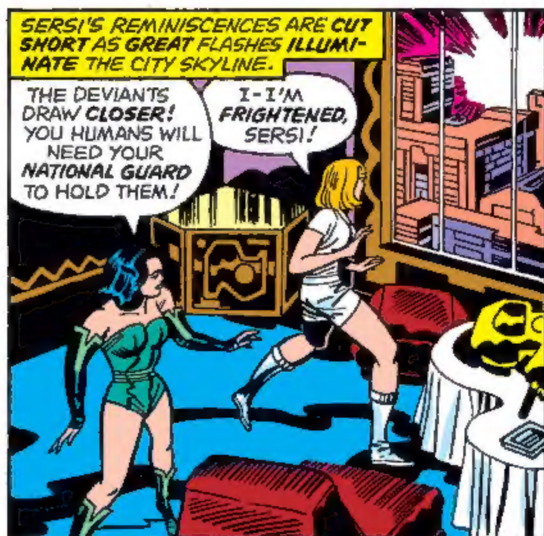

"I CAN STILL RECALL MY VILLA ON ONE OF THE ANCIENT GREEK ISLANDS, WHERE I WAS VISITED BY A SAILOR NAMED ULYSSES, AND HIS RAVENOUS CREW OF SLOBS..."


YOU'D THINK THEY'D NEVER SEEN A SPOON OR A FORK--AND THE SOUNDS THEY MADE WHEN THEY FILLED THEIR BELLIES WITH FOOD--UGH!!
CIRCE OF THE LEGENDS! Y-YOU'RE THAT CIRCE!!


"THE GREEK STORYTELLERS NEVER COULD SPELL MY NAME RIGHT! HOWEVER, I DID CHANGE THOSE BOORS INTO PIGS!"
OINK! OINK!


WE ETERNALS ARE NOTORIOUS FOR PLAYING TRICKS WITH THE ATOM. WHEN I TURNED THEM INTO HUMANS ONCE AGAIN, THOSE DING-DONGS TOOK OFF LIKE MISSILES FOR PARTS UNKNOWN...


"I ALSO HAD LOADS OF FUN CONFOUNDING MERLIN AT KING ARTHUR'S COURT...HE DIDN'T REALLY HAVE MUCH TALENT UNTIL I SHOWED HIM A FEW SIMPLE SHOW-STOPPERS..."
THIS CAN ONLY BE WITCHERY!
DON'T BE JEALOUS, OLD SOAK!



SERSI'S REMINISCENCES ARE CUT SHORT AS GREAT FLASHES ILLUMINATE THE CITY SKYLINE.
THE DEVIANTS DRAW CLOSER! YOU HUMANS WILL NEED YOUR NATIONAL GUARD TO HOLD THEM!
I-I'M FRIGHTENED, SERSI!



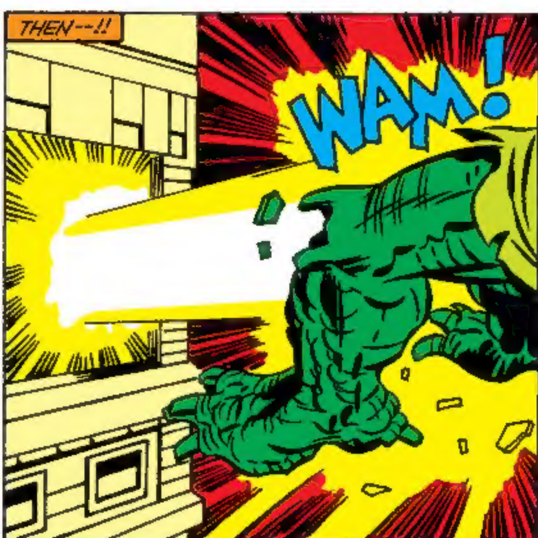
EVERY HUMAN WILL FEAR THEM TONIGHT! THEY'LL TALK ABOUT THE MONSTERS IN SPACE SUITS, AND MUSTER THEIR MILITARY MIGHT FOR ACTION!
BY MORNING. THE SKIES WILL BE FILLED WITH PLANES SEARCHING FOR THE SPACESHIP!
I SEE IT ALL NOW! INSTEAD OF DEVIANTS, THOSE PLANES WILL DISCOVER THE SPACE GODS!!
THE DEVIANTS PLAN TO INVOLVE HUMANITY IN A WAR AGAINST THE SPACE GODS!



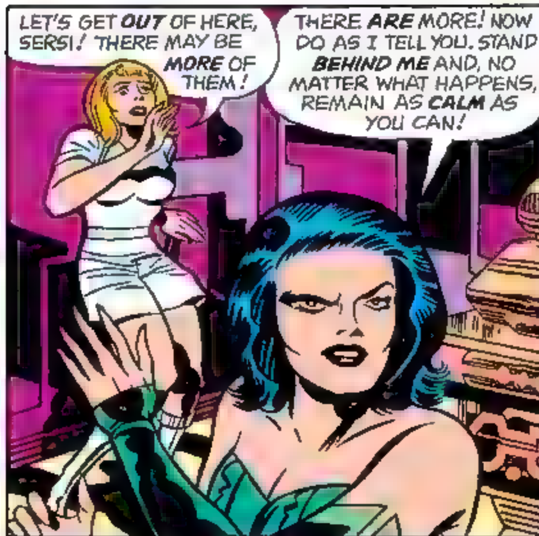
SUDDENLY--AT THE WINDOW--!
SERSI! LOOK OUT!--WHAT IS THAT HORRIBLE THING!
RRRRRR!
A DEVIANT MUTATE!

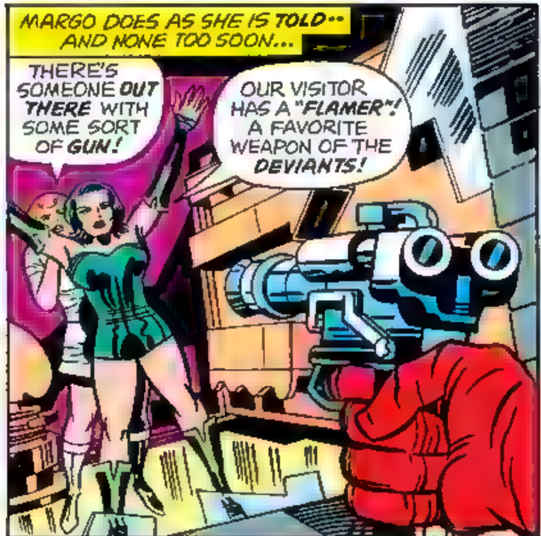


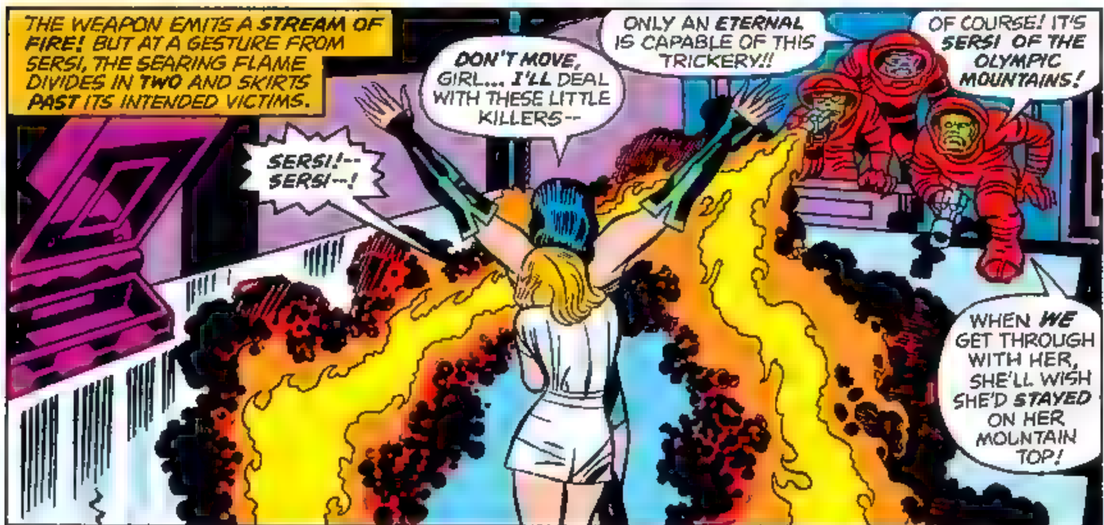
SERSI'S FINGERS FLY TO HER FOREHEAD. LIKE IKARIS AND ALL ETERNALS, SHE RELEASES THE STRANGE FORCE THAT GENERATES BEHIND HER EYES. IT LANCES OUT AT THE SINISTER LIFE FORM!
THIS TREATMENT SHOULD GIVE HIM A PROPER JOLT!
SSSSSS



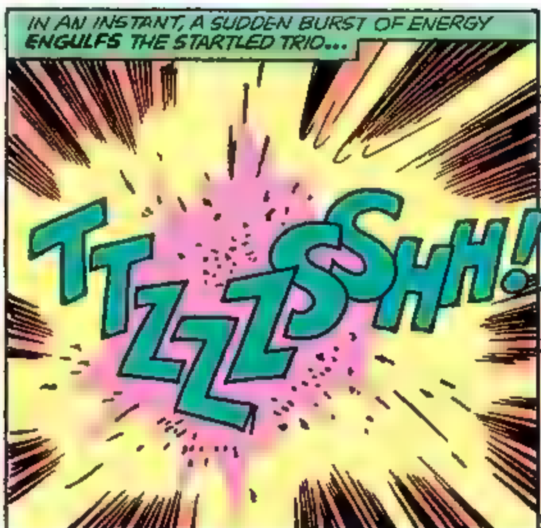
THEN--!!
WAM!


LET'S GET OUT OF HERE, SERSI! THERE MAY BE MORE OF THEM!
THERE ARE MORE! NOW DO AS I TELL YOU. STAND BEHIND ME AND, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, REMAIN AS CALM AS YOU CAN!

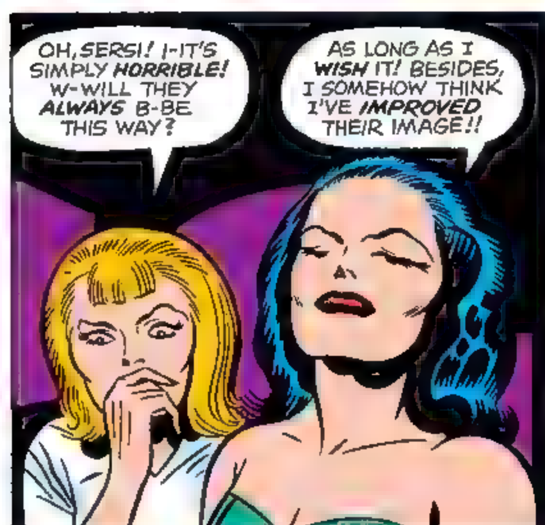

MARGO DOES AS SHE IS TOLD-- AND NONE TOO SOON...
THERE'S SOMEONE OUT THERE WITH SOME SORT OF GUN!
OUR VISITOR HAS A "FLAMER"! A FAVORITE WEAPON OF THE DEVIANTS!

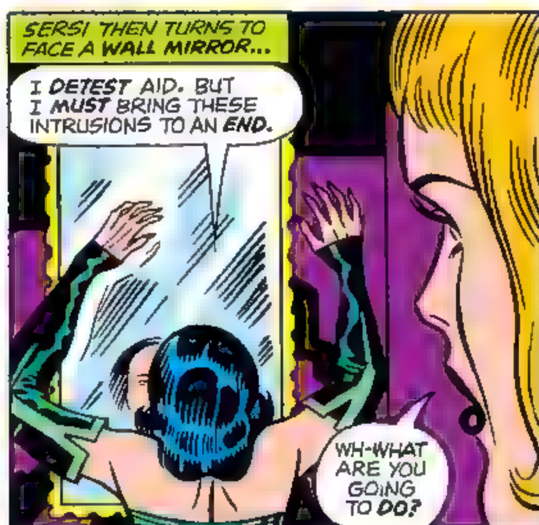

THE WEAPON EMITS A STREAM OF FIRE! BUT AT A GESTURE FROM SERSI, THE SEARING FLAME DIVIDES IN TWO AND SKIRTS PAST ITS INTENDED VICTIMS.
SERSI!-- SERSI--!
DON'T MOVE, GIRL... I'LL DEAL WITH THESE LITTLE KILLERS--
ONLY AN ETERNAL IS CAPABLE OF THIS TRICKERY!!
OF COURSE! IT'S SERSI OF THE OLYMPIC MOUNTAINS!
WHEN WE GET THROUGH WITH HER, SHE'LL WISH SHE'D STAYED ON HER MOUNTAIN TOP!

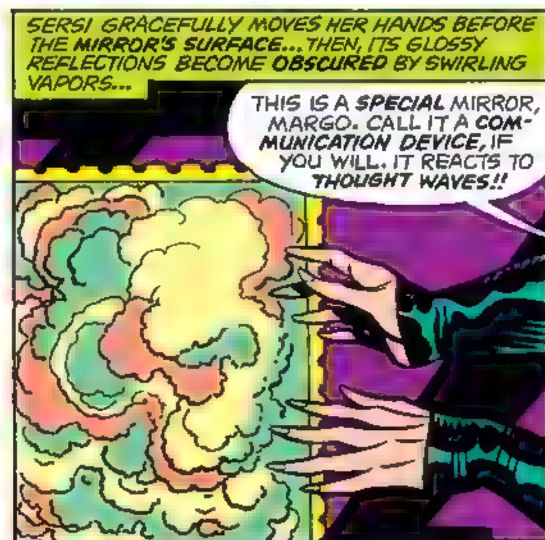

THE DEADLY DEVIANTS MOVE IN CAUTIOUSLY. BUT, NEVERTHELESS, THEY ARE DETERMINED TO IMMOBILIZE AN ANCIENT ENEMY...
YOU'VE CHOSEN THE WRONG MOMENT TO DISPORT YOURSELF IN THIS CITY, SERSI!
WE'VE TAKEN IKARIS! AND, NOW--
CAREFUL! SHE'S UP TO SOMETHING!


IN AN INSTANT, A SUDDEN BURST OF ENERGY ENGULFS THE STARTLED TRIO...
TTZZZSSHH!

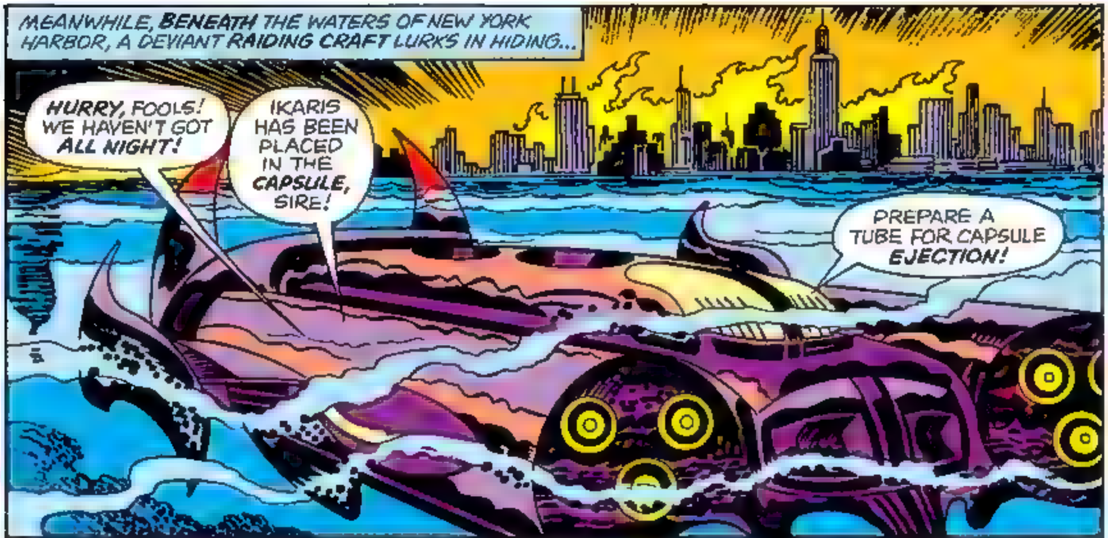

LIZARDS, YOU ARE...AND LIZARDS SHALL YOU REMAIN!
SSSSSSSS!!
SSSSSSS!

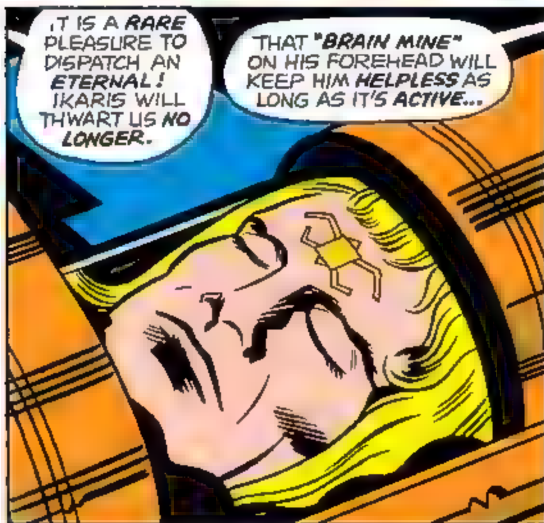

OH, SERSI! I-IT'S SIMPLY HORRIBLE! W-WILL THEY ALWAYS B-BE THIS WAY?
AS LONG AS I WISH IT! BESIDES, I SOMEHOW THINK I'VE IMPROVED THEIR IMAGE!!


SERSI THEN TURNS TO FACE A WALL MIRROR...
I DETEST AID. BUT I MUST BRING THESE INTRUSIONS TO AN END.
WH-WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

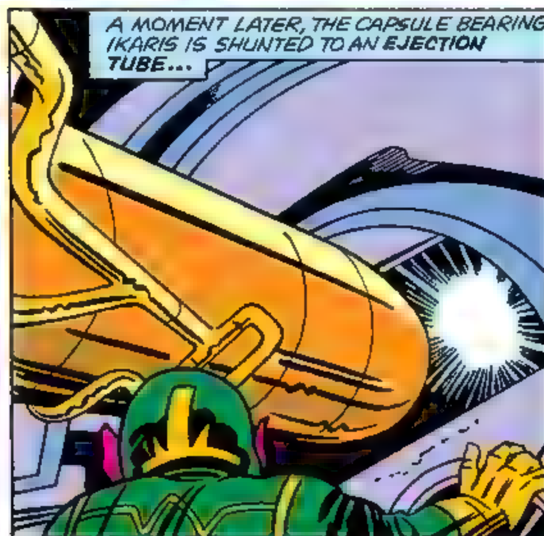

SERSI GRACEFULLY MOVES HER HANDS BEFORE THE MIRROR'S SURFACE...THEN, ITS GLOSSY REFLECTIONS BECOME OBSCURED BY SWIRLING VAPORS...
THIS IS A SPECIAL MIRROR, MARGO. CALL IT A COMMUNICATION DEVICE, IF YOU WILL. IT REACTS TO THOUGHT WAVES!!

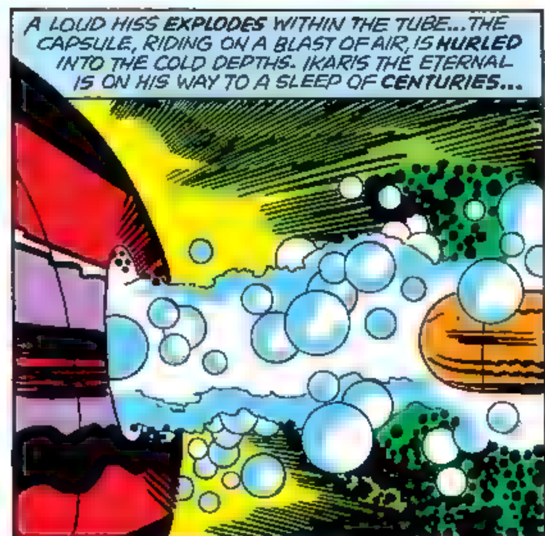

WHEN THE VAPORS CLEAR, THE MIRROR REFLECTS A STRANGE CITY, BUILT UPON A MOUNTAIN TOP...
W-WHAT A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT! D-DOES THIS PLACE ACTUALLY EXIST?
IT IS THE CITY OF THE ETERNALS, CAROL... IT IS MY CITY...I MUST REACH MY FRIENDS THERE!!

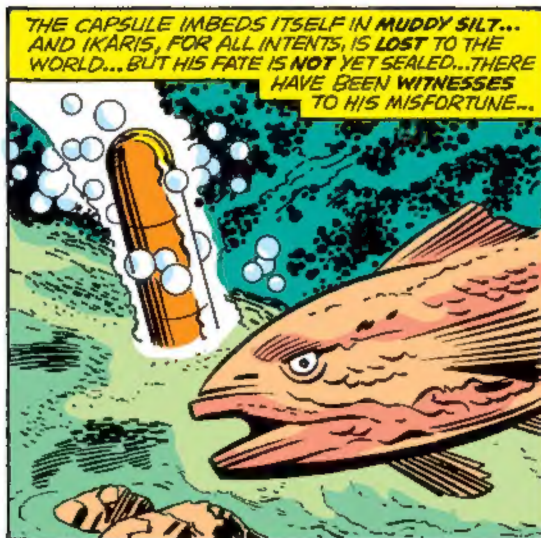

MEANWHILE, BENEATH THE WATERS OF NEW YORK HARBOR, A DEVIANT RAIDING CRAFT LURKS IN HIDING...
HURRY, FOOLS! WE HAVEN'T GOT ALL NIGHT!
IKARIS HAS BEEN PLACED IN THE CAPSULE, SIRE!
PREPARE A TUBE FOR CAPSULE EJECTION!

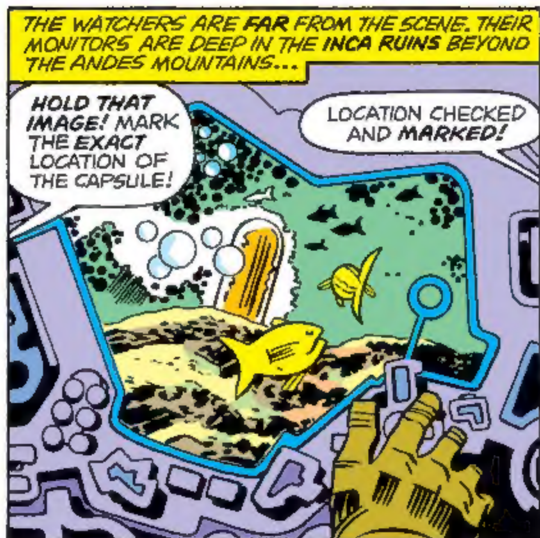

IT IS A RARE PLEASURE TO DISPATCH AN ETERNAL! IKARIS WILL THWART US NO LONGER.
THAT "BRAIN MINE" ON HIS FOREHEAD WILL KEEP HIM HELPLESS AS LONG AS IT'S ACTIVE...


IT CAN OPERATE FOR AN ETERNITY! IKARIS SHOULD SLEEP FOR MILLENIUMS!
FAREWELL, IKARIS! WE DEVIANTS SHALL NOT MISS YOU!

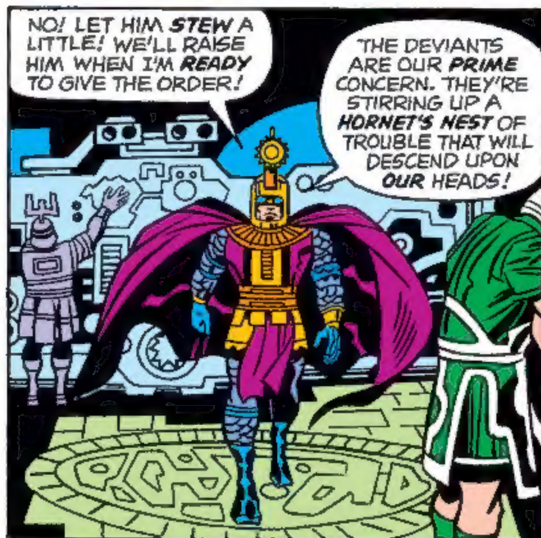

A MOMENT LATER, THE CAPSULE BEARING IKARIS IS SHUNTED TO AN EJECTION TUBE...


A LOUD HISS EXPLODES WITHIN THE TUBE...THE CAPSULE, RIDING ON A BLAST OF AIR, IS HURLED INTO THE COLD DEPTHS. IKARIS THE ETERNAL IS ON HIS WAY TO A SLEEP OF CENTURIES...


THE CAPSULE IMBEDS ITSELF IN MUDDY SILT... AND IKARIS, FOR ALL INTENTS, IS LOST TO THE WORLD... BUT HIS FATE IS NOT YET SEALED... THERE HAVE BEEN WITNESSES TO HIS MISFORTUNE...


THE WATCHERS ARE FAR FROM THE SCENE. THEIR MONITORS ARE DEEP IN THE INCA RUINS BEYOND THE ANDES MOUNTAINS...
HOLD THAT IMAGE! MARK THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE CAPSULE!
LOCATION CHECKED AND MARKED!


THAT FOOL, IKARIS! HE WOULD TRY TO TAKE ON AN ENTIRE FORCE OF DEVIANTS! THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS TO HEROES!
WE CAN RAISE HIM! A SIMPLE FORCE BEAM CAN DO IT!
IT KNOWS NO DISTANCE! YOUR FRIEND CAN BE REACHED IN SECONDS AND RELEASED, O LORD OF FLIGHT!


NO! LET HIM STEW A LITTLE! WE'LL RAISE HIM WHEN I'M READY TO GIVE THE ORDER!
THE DEVIANTS ARE OUR PRIME CONCERN. THEY'RE STIRRING UP A HORNET'S NEST OF TROUBLE THAT WILL DESCEND UPON OUR HEADS!


AND HOW IS OUR HUMAN GUEST FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD? DO YOU FIND YOUR WORK INTERESTING, DOCTOR DAMIAN?
WITH YOUR HELP, I'VE DECIPHERED THESE ANCIENT INCAN TABLETS, AJAK! THEY TELL AN INCREDIBLE STORY!


YES, IT'S ALL THERE...THE STORY OF THE SPACE GODS AND THEIR ALLIANCE WITH THE INCA PEOPLE. I, AN ETERNAL, WAS THERE...I SAW IT ALL HAPPEN...AND BECAME A PART OF THAT MONUMENTAL EVENT...
YES, I KNOW. THE INCAS ADOPTED YOU INTO THEIR SOCIETY...


THEY CALLED ME TECUMOTZIN, LORD OF FLIGHT! I TRAINED INCA CREWS TO SERVICE THE SPACESHIPS OF THE GODS...
WHEN THE GODS LEFT EARTH, IN THOSE ANCIENT TIMES, MY CREW AND I WERE STORED IN A RESURRECTION TOMB, TO AWAIT THE NEXT ARRIVAL OF THE CELESTIALS!

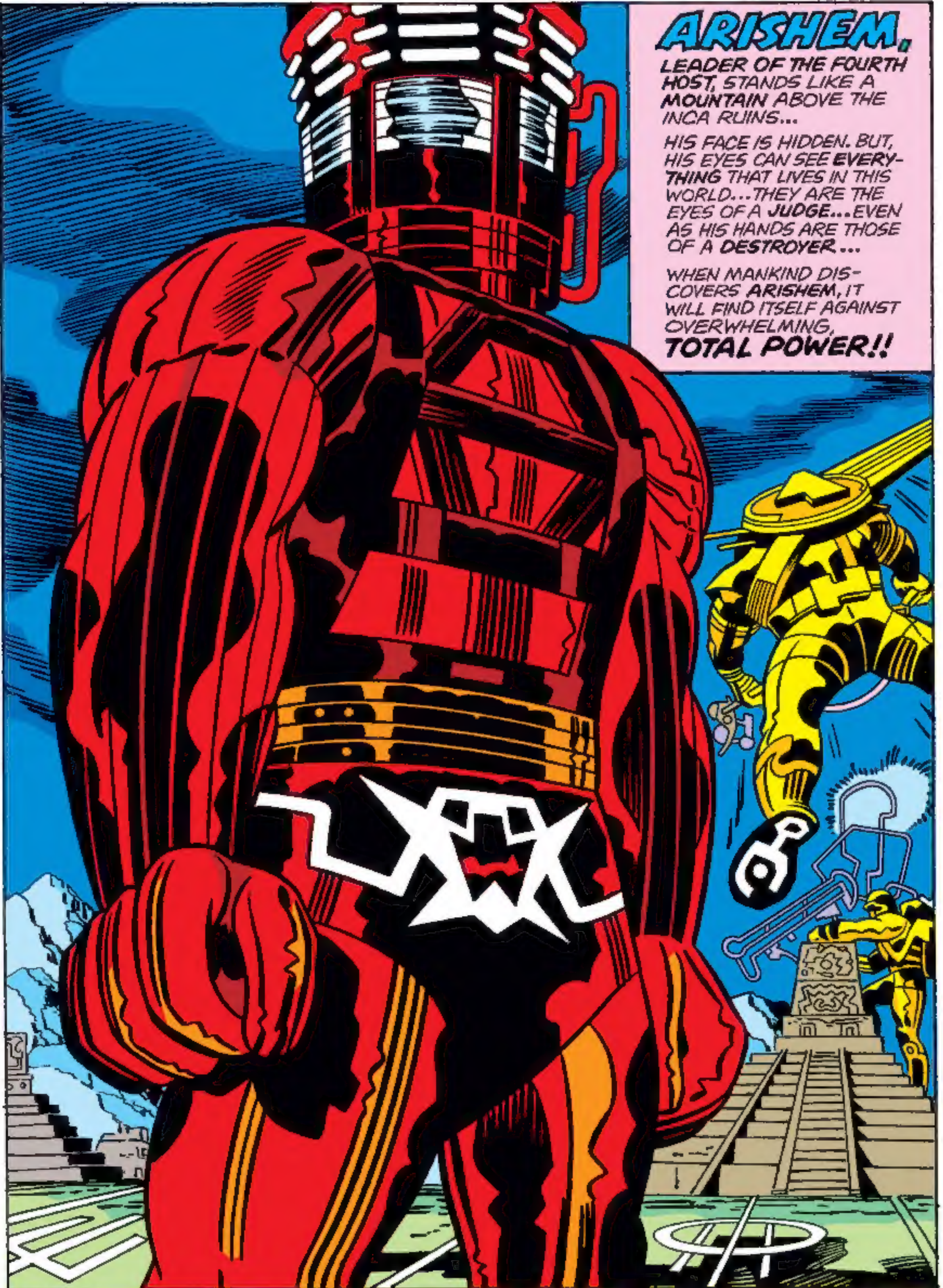

NOW, THE CELESTIALS ARE BACK! --AND I AM BACK--TO DO MY JOB IN THIS NEW AGE OF THEIR RETURN!
THERE'S TROUBLE! I CAN SENSE IT IN YOUR MANNER, AJAK!
W-WHAT'S WRONG?


I-IT'S THAT RACE OF DEVIANTS, ISN'T IT! THEY'VE SURFACED FROM THEIR HIDDEN CITIES! THAT'S IT-- ISN'T IT!
TELL ME, AJAK! TELL ME!
IF YOU MUST KNOW, THEY'RE ATTACKING NEW YORK CITY AT THIS VERY MOMENT!


GOOD LORD! THEY'LL START ANOTHER WORLD WAR! ALL OF MANKIND WILL BE MOBILIZING SOON!
M-MY DAUGHTER, MARGO, IS OUT THERE! WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO HER!?
FEAR NOT, DAMIAN...I CAN TELL YOU THAT SHE'S SAFE, FOR THE PRESENT...


IT IS WHEN THE HOLOCAUST SPREADS TO THIS REGION, THAT THE TIME TO FEAR WILL COME...
YOUR HUMANS, AT FULL FURY, WILL SWARM ABOUT THIS PLACE! AND, YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SHALL FIND!
LOOK UP THERE, DAMIAN! CAN YOU IMAGINE THEIR REACTION TO THAT SIGHT?

THERE IS A LARGE OPENING IN THE ROOF OF THE CHAMBER... BEYOND IT, THE SKY IS BLOTTED OUT BY A GREAT SHADOW. IT MOVES... DRAWS CLOSE... AND RESOLVES ITSELF INTO A REALITY OF STAGGERING IMPORT!!
BEHOLD! IT'S ONE OF THE CELESTIAL HOST... TO MERELY SEE HIM IS TO MARVEL AT THE WONDERS THAT LIE AMONG THE STARS!
THEY FIRST LANDED ON EARTH BEFORE THE DAWN OF MAN--TO RETURN TIME AND AGAIN TO FULFILL THEIR MISSION...
T-THEY'RE SO HUGE AND ENIGMATIC! I-I FEEL LIKE AN ANT IN THEIR PATH! I-IT'S A TERRIBLE BLOW TO ONE'S EGO, TO WORK IN THEIR PRESENCE...
YOUR HUMAN BRETHREN MAY NOT SETTLE FOR HUMILITY, DAMIAN! THEY WON'T LIKE BEING SECOND BEST! MANKIND HAS CHALLENGED THE GODS BEFORE!
DOCTOR DAMIAN INWARDLY CRINGES BEFORE THIS TRUTH... HE KNOWS THAT MAN WILL ATTACK AND KILL ANYTHING HE FEARS. HE REALIZES, IN DESPAIR, WHAT MANKIND WILL DO WHEN IT COMES FACE TO FACE WITH THE CELESTIALS...
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING, DOCTOR! WHAT WILL THE HUMANS DO WHEN THEY SEE HIM!?



NEXT: YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT--EVEN WHEN YOU SEE IT!!! OLYMPIA!!